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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Comments on Draft Formaldehyde Assessment: Mode of Action –Comments Regarding the Assessment’s Consistency, Format, and Scientific Support for its Conclusions and Specific Comments on Hematopoietic and “other” cancers.

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As asked by the workgroup chairs of the Toxicology Pathways Workgroup (TPW), I have reviewed specific sections of the June 13, 2013 draft formaldehyde IRIS assessment and, as requested by Vincent Coglianò at his general IRIS meetings, I have reviewed the document as a peer reviewer would with the intent of providing constructive advice on its content, scientific rigor, flow, transparency, and consistency.

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Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP) I read the entire document but not the appendices. I had 3 days to of review time. My general and very specific comments are noted below. I am providing specific comments now in hopes that it save time. It is my hope that they can inform the authors and co-chairs of my subgroup and the other co-chairs as well. If there are any questions regarding these comments or further assistance I can give, please let me know.

General comments:

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